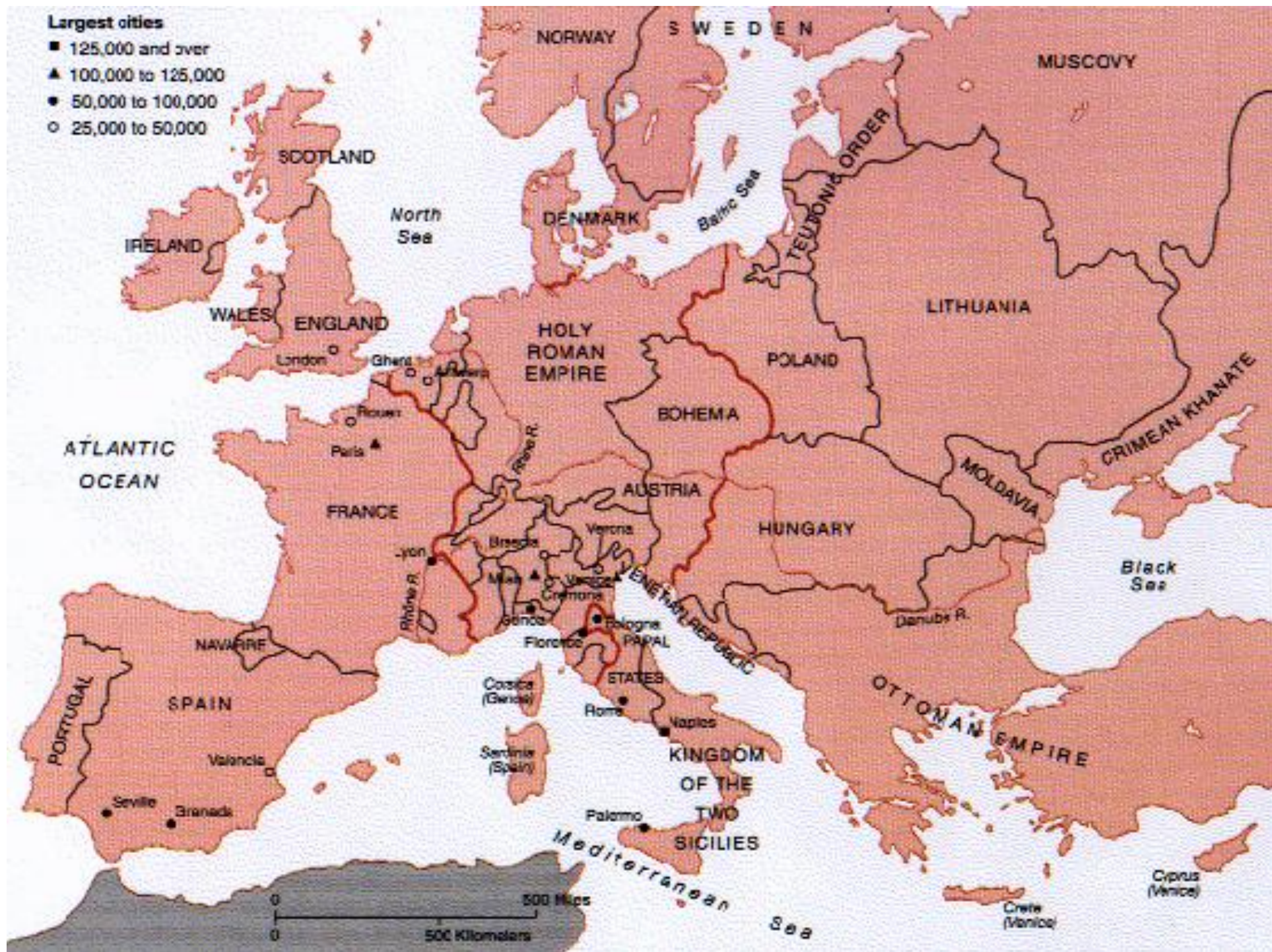


AGE of ABSOLUTISM



****The Age of Absolutism**

takes its name from a series of European monarchs who increased the power of their central governments.



Characteristics of

Absolute Monarchies:

IT IS GOOD TO BE KING!!!!

- *Centralization of power*
- *Concept of rule by
divine right-DIVINE
RIGHT of KINGS-God
gives them the power.*



These factors helped to strengthen the monarchs between 1500-1800:

- Cities concentrated people and money together, where the monarch could control them more easily
- Rulers to establish law and order across their kingdoms.
- Monarchs could reap the benefits of those colonies. THINK MERCANTILISM
- KINGS could **NOT** make their rule absolute without overcoming the resistance of the nobility, the Church, and the rival monarchs of neighboring kingdoms.

The Age of Absolutism Louis XIV- *FRANCE*

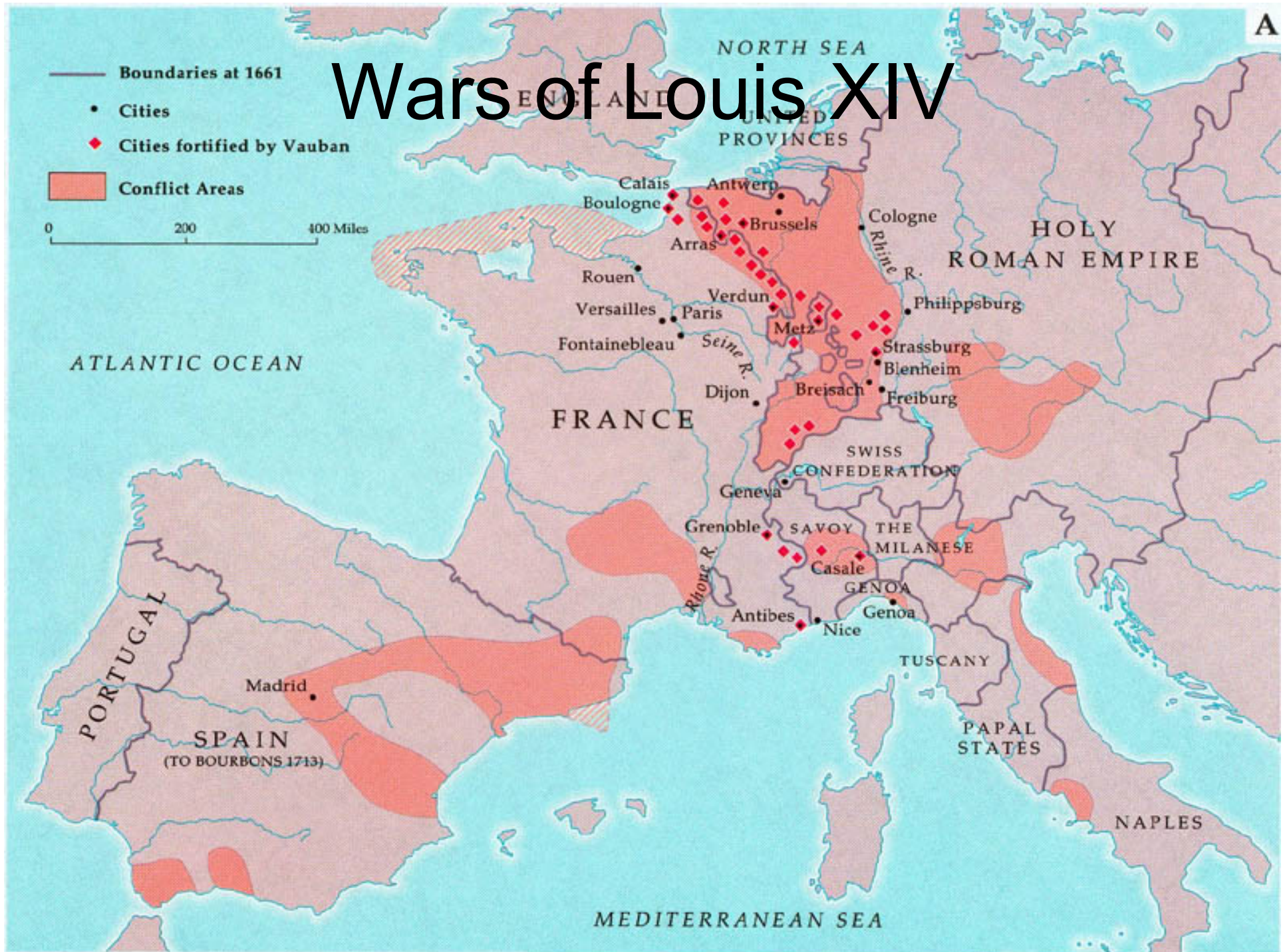


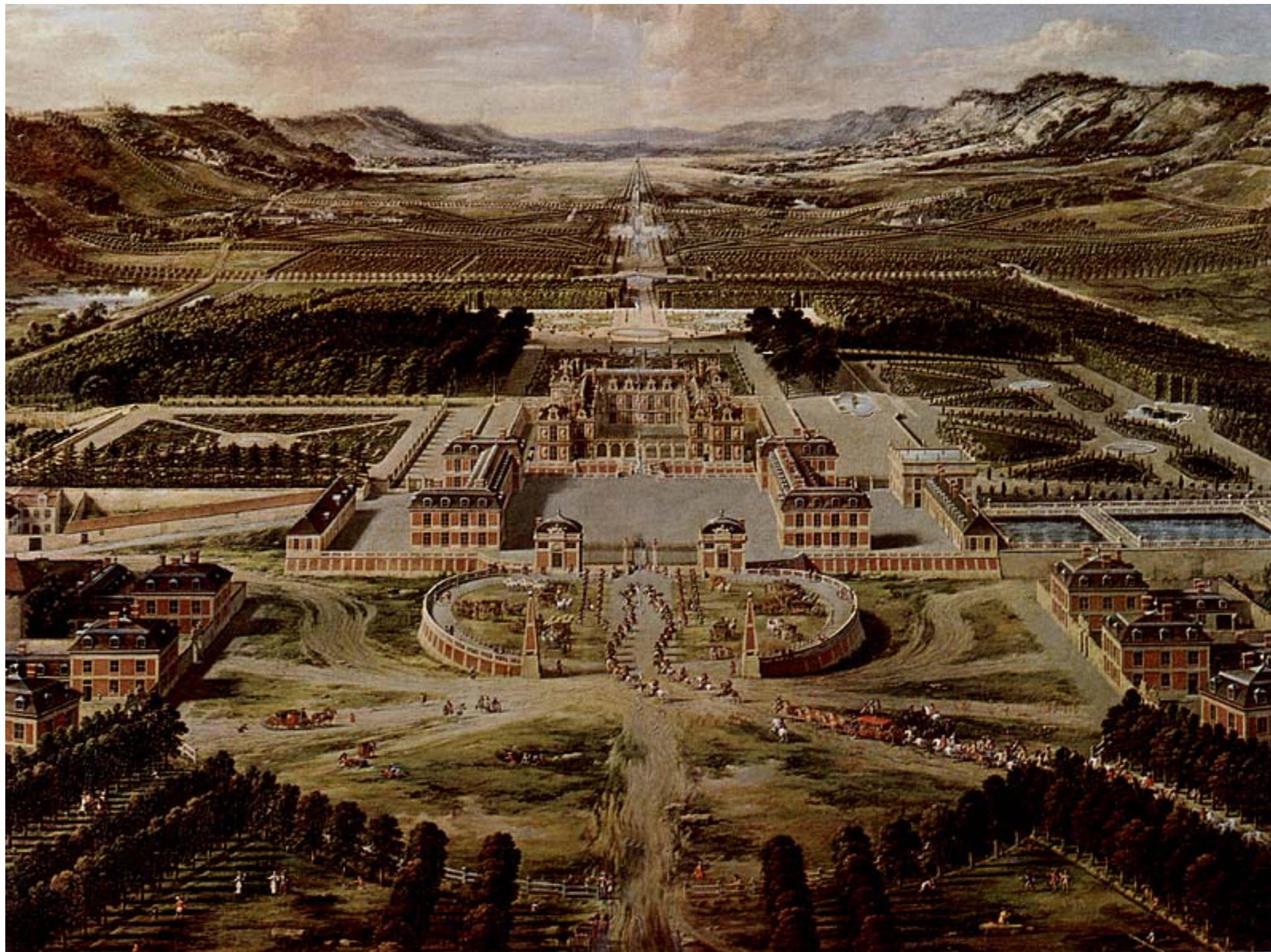
King Louis XIV of France: 1643-1715

- Centralized all power in himself
- “L’etat c’est moi!”- “I am the state!”
- Built the Palace of Versailles
- GOT rid of the Edict of Nantes- no more religious freedom
- Large military- many wars- broke France



Wars of Louis XIV





Palace of Versailles



Cost: estimated \$3 billion dollars today

36,000 laborers & 6000 horses worked on the palace

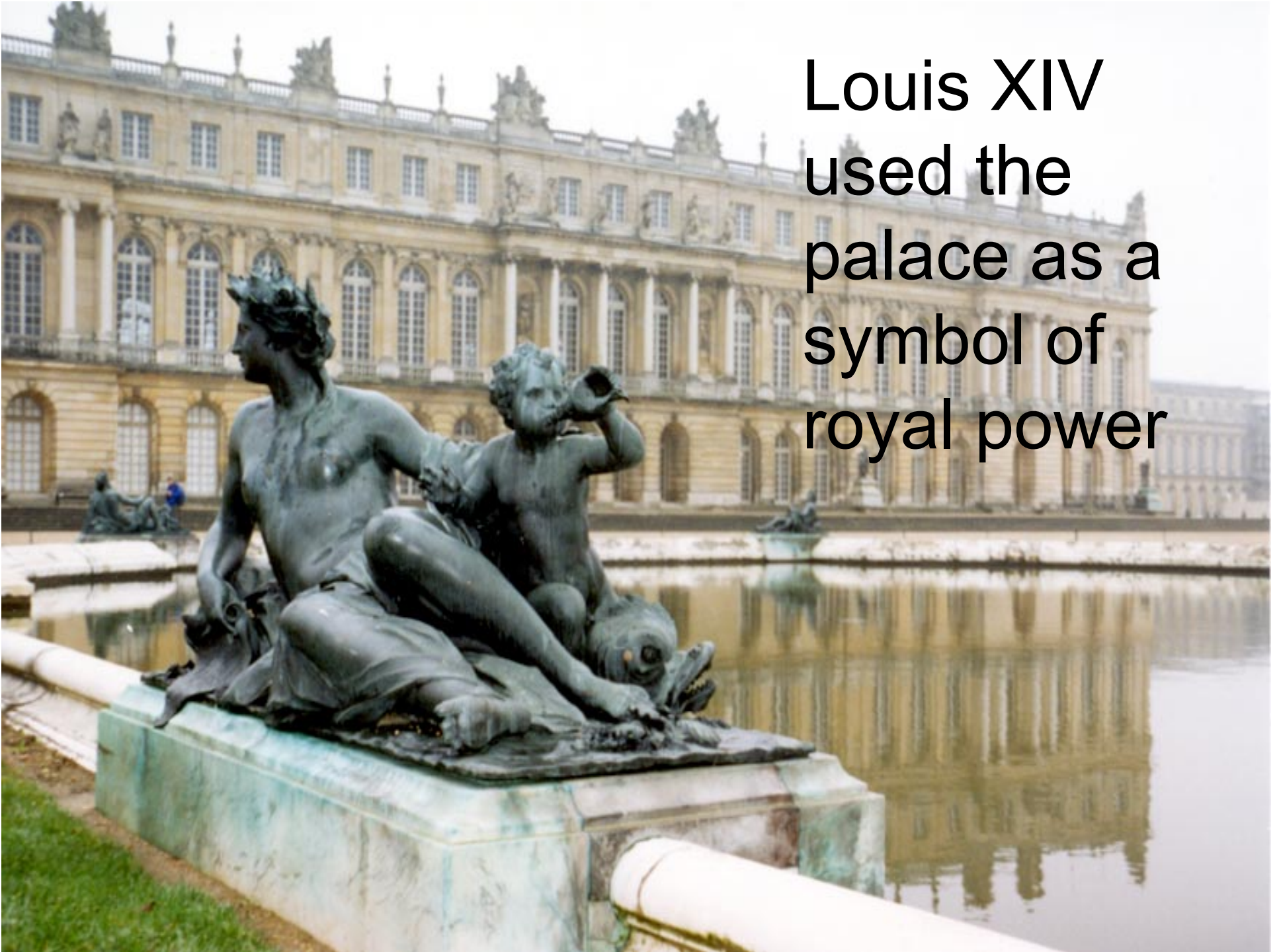
Main Building 500 yards long & two wing buildings 150 yards long

2000+ rooms, 15,000 acres, & 1,400 fountains

Louis gained control over the nobility by bringing them all to his grand palace in Versailles



Louis XIV
used the
palace as a
symbol of
royal power







The Age of Absolutism- Peter the Great

RUSSIA-1682-1725



Peter the Great of Russia

- Made a trip to Western Europe
- Comes back to “Westernized Russia”
- Built 1st Russian Navy
- Built new capital city St. Petersburg-port for trade
- Expanded Russian Territory
- Centralized all power in himself







Prussia-1740-1786

- **Frederick the Great:**
- **Becomes monarch of Prussia**
- **Centralizes power in himself**
- **Builds strong military to strengthen Prussia**

